

A. ACCREDITATION STATUS

1. **Institutional accreditation.** Thomas Edison State College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting body for colleges and universities in the middle states region. This accreditation is part of a national system of quality assurance that requires colleges and universities to reach a common understanding and agreement as to the standards of quality for American higher education. After a comprehensive institutional self-study and a site visit by the Middle States Evaluation Team in April 2002, the College was re-accredited through 2012.

The Periodic Review Report (PRR) was submitted to Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in June 2007; this report documents the College's work during the five year period between 2002 thru 2007. The report was approved by the Middle States Commission of Colleges and Schools in November 2007; thus reaffirming the College's institutional accreditation through 2012.

2. **Professional accreditation.** The College's RN-BSN degree program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and has been continuously accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission since 1990. The College was reaccredited by the National League for Nursing through 2011.

During FY 2009, the School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State College was awarded accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) following a rigorous onsite evaluation and assessment of the school's curriculum. Recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, CCNE is the principal accrediting body for nursing schools and the only national accrediting agency devoted exclusively to evaluating baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs. The CCNE accreditation includes both the bachelor's and master's degree programs offered by the School of Nursing.